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For: PACKAGING CELL LINES FOR
GENERATION OF HIGH TITERS OF
RECOMBINANT AAV VECTORS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 17, 2004 (Paper No. 20504), for which a response was due on May 17, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 17, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.